

IN THE MATTER OF

* B E F O R E
THE STATE

ANGELINA GREEN

* BOARD OF
PROFESSIONAL

Alcohol and Drug Trainee

* COUNSELORS
AND THERAPISTS

Applicant

* Case

No.: 2021-046

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**FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION
FOR AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG TRAINEE AUTHORIZATION**

BACKGROUND

On July 16, 2021, the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”), notified **ANGELINA GREEN** (the “Applicant”), of its Intent to Deny her application for an Alcohol and Drug Trainee (“A&D Trainee”) Authorization under the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the “Act “), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 17-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.). The Notice also informed the Applicant that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within 30 days of

receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign the Final Order, which was enclosed. More than 30 days have elapsed, and the Applicant failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this denial is final.

The basis of the Board's action was pursuant to the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 17-509. Denial, probation, suspension or revocation of certificate applicant or holder. Subject to the hearing provisions of §17-511 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny trainee status...to any applicant . . . if the applicant:

- (10) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;
- (14) Is . . . convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes [;].

BASES OF DENIAL

The Board bases its decision to deny the authorization for the following reasons which the Board has reason to believe are true:

1.The Applicant applied to be an A&D Trainee by application (the "Application") dated September 28, 2020.

2.Under the "Information and Background" section of the Application, Question 2 asks: "Have you pled guilty, *nolo contendere (sic)*, or been convicted of, received

probation before judgment, or had a conviction set aside for any criminal act (excluding traffic violations)?" The Applicant answered "yes". A "yes" answer required a "complete explanation of each occurrence and a certified copy of the disciplinary/court document from the issuing agency."

3. As part of the Application, the Board received certified copies of the Applicant's court records and two letters of explanation. In addition, the Board conducted a judicial case search which resulted in the following.

4. On July 15, 2015, the Respondent was given Probation Before Judgment in the District Court for Carroll County for Driving While Impaired (DWI) by Alcohol and given supervised Probation for one year by the Division of Parole and Probation, fined \$500, with \$200 suspended, with court costs. The Fines of \$37.50 were to be paid through the Court by July 22, 2015. The Applicant attached a letter of explanation which stated, *inter alia*, on May 1, 2015, she was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol in Westminster and admitted to being intoxicated. The Applicant stated that she sought and completed a 28-day treatment program and maintained sobriety for three months. She was ordered one year of supervised probation and was to abstain from alcohol and drugs during that year but, after a few months of sobriety, relapsed and was found in violation of her probation. She was arrested on April 7, 2016 and, while incarcerated, attended the same treatment program, and claims to have maintained sobriety since March 28,

2016.

5. On January 6, 2017, the Applicant was convicted in the District Court of Carroll County of Theft Scheme, 1K to Under 10K, and sentenced to 365 days, with 169 days suspended. She was placed on Probation for two years and was ordered to pay restitution of \$6221.83. The Applicant successfully completed her Probation in 2019. The Applicant's letter of explanation was that she was "in the grips of addiction" and, while working in the shoe department of a store, began falsifying returns and taking cash out of the cash register. The Applicant states that she stole over \$1000 worth of cash in fraudulent returns as well as shoes from the store. On March 6, 2014, she was found guilty and ordered to pay restitution and remain abstinent from all alcohol and drugs, which she was not able to do, violating her probation. As a result, she was arrested on April 7, 2016 and went to a treatment program and completed her treatment successfully.¹

BASIS OF INTENT TO DENY APPLICATION

The Board intends to deny the Applicant's Application for the following reasons:

6. As set forth above, by being convicted of and pleading guilty to felonies and/or crimes of moral turpitude, as well as being disciplined for same, the

¹ The Applicant's dates of the events described above somewhat contradictory.

Applicant is in violation of § 17-509 (10) (Is convicted of or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside) and 17-509 (14) (Is . . . convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes).


CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated §**17-509** 10) and (14) of the Act.

ORDER

As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders that the application for authorization to practice as an Alcohol and Drug Trainee in Maryland by **ANGELINA GREEN** be and is **DENIED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol. and 2020 Supp.).

11/19/2021
Date


Mary N. Drotlett, M.S., LCMFT
Board Chair
Board of Professional Counselors &
Therapists